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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN ARUBAN SITUATION

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1. PUBLIC MEETING JAN. 23 CALLED BY MEP BOSS BETICO CROES
(PARA. 6 REFTTEL) ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED 4000. MEETING DESCRIBED
AS PEACEFUL AND NO DISTURBANCES REPORTED. RHETORIC OF CROES
AND OTHER MEP LEADERS NOT PARTICULARLY INFLAMMATORY NOR WORTHY
OF NOTE.

2. CRITICISM OF CROES BECOMING MORE PROMINENT. PM EVERTSZ
ON JAN. 23 ACCUSED HIM OF DELIBERATELY SPREADING FALSE
INFORMATION ON CARIBREX EXERCISES QTE FOR SIMPLE POLITICAL
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MOTIVES AND TO POLARIZE THE ISLANDS OF THE ANTILLES. UNQTE

EDITORIAL CARTOON PUBLISHED IN NOBO (PAPIAMENTO DAILY) FEATURES CARICATURE OF CROES IN STRAIT JACKET. DISSENT WITHIN CROES' MEP PARTY SURFACED ON JAN. 23, WHEN ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED REPORTS, SEVERAL MEP NOTABLES INCLUDING STATEN PRESIDENT FIGAROA, FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER VOS, STATEN MEMBER WERLEMAN AND OTHERS MET TO DISCUSS DELETERIOUS EFFECT OF CROES' LEADERSHIP ON MEP PARTY.

3. COMMENT: WHILE PUBLISHED REPORTS OF MEETING OF MEP LEADERS NOT CONFIRMED, SUCH DEVELOPMENT NOT UNEXPECTED. MEANWHILE HMS BULWARK STILL SCHEDULED ARRIVE ARUBA JAN. 27. WHILE DEMONSTRATION PLANNED BY CROES (PARA 5 REFTTEL) MAY COME OFF TO COINCIDE WITH ARRIVAL, NO VIOLENCE EXPECTED. NEWSPAPER AND RADIO REPORTS HAVE DROPPED REFERENCES TO GENERAL STRIKE ALSO THREATENED BY CROES FOR JAN. 27.
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